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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director

**RE: DRAFT STATEMENT OF BOARD POLICY ON POSSIBLE 2006
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Background and Summary

State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The policy allows for the creation of a "sense of the Board" document that would inform the activities of staff and individual Board members as issues came up during legislative session. (The revised policy is attached.)

At its January 2005 meeting, the Board approved a "sense of the Board" document for the past session. For today's meeting, I have attached a preliminary draft of an update to that document. The update reflects issues we anticipate might arise during the 2006 session, as well as issues left over from the 2005 session that we might see again as two-year bills.

Today's agenda item provides an opportunity for review and discussion. I will take comments from today's meeting and any subsequent comments from Board members, and develop a final draft for possible adoption at the January 11 meeting. After adoption by the Board, the "Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2006 Legislative Issues" would serve as a guidance document for the legislative session that convenes January 9 and is scheduled to end March 10.

Recommended Board Action

None.